



PAM BLANKENSHIP



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Pam Blankenship is a genealogical researcher who specializes in the membership of both the Eastern and Western bands of the Cherokee Nation. Using computerized information and resources created by Bob Blankenship, she can trace the ancestry of anyone listed on any of the Cherokee rolls from 1817 to 1924.

Growing up on the Qualla Boundary, in the Yellow Hill and Wolfetown communities, Pam Blankenship attended Cherokee Elementary and High Schools. Since 1991 she has worked with her father, Bob Blankenship, creating computerized genealogies of Cherokee tribal members.

Bob Blankenship is widely known for his research and publications regarding Cherokee genealogy. His first book, *Cherokee Roots*, listed all the Eastern Cherokee rolls from 1817 to

1924, as well as the Western Cherokee Nation rolls from 1851 to 1909. That first book, now a standard for Cherokee genealogy, has been followed by publications of the Miller Roll, Dawes Roll, and Baker Roll, with detailed information regarding age, roll numbers, and degree of blood. The Blankenships have compiled this information into a computer database, enabling them to do extensive research and cross-referencing.

Pam Blankenship will research a complete genealogy for a standard fee. Archived copies of actual applications used for the rolls are also available from the Blankenships' microfilm library and can be printed out for a fee. The Blankenship publications are available directly from them through mail order.

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